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ELECTION COMMISSION
Andaman and Nicobar Islands
F-204, M.S. Apartments,
Kasturba Gandhi Marg,
New Delhi —110001

ORDER

Dated the 11th August, 2010

No.5-2/EC/A&N/2010

Whereas it is necessary to check impersonation to voters in the interest of purity of elections to Panchayats and Municipality and for conducting such elections in a fair manner ;

Whereas rule 68 of the Andaman and Nicobar Islands (Panchayats) (Preparation of Electoral Rolls and Conduct of Elections) Rules, 1995 and rule 55 of the Andaman and Nicobar Islands (Municipal) (Preparation of Electoral Rolls and Conduct of Elections) Rule, 1995 empower the Presiding Officer to employ at the polling station such persons as he thinks fit to help in the identification of electors;

Whereas the said rule 68 of the Andaman and Nicobar Islands (Panchayats) (Preparation of Electoral Rolls and Conduct of Elections) Rules, 1995 and rule 55 of the Andaman and Nicobar Islands (Municipal) (Preparation of Electoral Rolls and Conduct of Elections) Rule, 1995 also provide that where the polling station is situated in ward, electors of which have been supplied with identity cards under the provisions of the Registration of Electors Rules, 1960, the elector shall produce his identity card before the presiding officer for the polling officer authorized by him in this behalf;

Whereas according to the information received from UT Administration of the Andaman and Nicobar Islands, about 25% of the voters are yet to be issued Electoral Photo Identity Cards (EPICs);

Now, therefore, after taking into account all relevant factors and the legal and factual position, the Election Commission for the superintendence, direction and control of the preparation of electoral rolls for, and the conduct of, elections to the Panchayats in the Union Territory of the Andaman and Nicobar Islands, hereby directs that the following alternative documents to EPICs may be used for establishing the identity of those voters who have not been provided with EPICs:-

- (i) Indian Passports.
- (ii) Motor Vehicle Driving Licences.
- (iii) PAN Cards issued by Income Tax Department.
- (iv) Service Identity Cards issued to their employees by the Central Government, Public Sector Undertakings, Local Bodies or Public Limited Companies.

- (v) Service Identity Cards issued to its employees by the Andaman and Nicobar Administration or any other documents issued under an order or authority of the Andaman and Nicobar Administration which would be helpful in establishing the identity of the person possessing it.
- (vi) Bank/Kisan/Post Office Pass Books having photo affixed on it.
- (vii) Valid Students Identity Cards issued by recognized educational institutions.
- (viii) Property documents, such as, Pattas, Registered Deeds having photo affixed on it.
- (ix) SC/ST/OBC Certificates issued by the competent authority.
- (x) Pension documents, such as Ex-servicemen's Pension Book/Pension Payment Order, Ex-servicemen's Widow/Dependent Certificates, Old Age Pension Order, Widow Pension Order.
- (xi) Freedoms Fighter Identity Cards.
- (xii) Arms Licences.
- (xiii) Certificates of Physical Handicap issued by the competent authority.

Besides above documents, certificates issued by the respective BDO, Dy. Tehsildar, Tehsildar etc. for identification of a voter may also be allowed.

The above alternative documents for identification will also apply in respect of such of the odd electors, who have been supplied with EPICs but are not above to produce them for reasons beyond their control.

It is clarified that any document, as enumerated above, which is available only for the head of Family, shall be allowed for the purpose of identification of other members of the family. Similarly, any document in the name of any other member of the family can be used for identification of other members, provided the other members can be identified on the basis of such documents.

Sd/-
(Renu Sahni Dhar)
Election Commissioner